Knowledge Organiser- Visual Arts: Chinese Art (Art, Year 5)



Key Vocabulary	Definition
dynasty	A line of rulers of a country from the same family. Parts of modern-day China were ruled by different dynasties for thousands of years.
Ming dynasty	Chinese dynasty from 1368-1644 C.E.
calligraphy	Decorative handwriting
character	Chinese writing symbols
rice paper	Thin paper used for Chinese painting.
scroll	A roll of paper or silk for writing or painting on. When rolled up, stored in a box.
hand scroll	A long, narrow, horizontal scroll, viewed by being held by the viewer, maybe on a table.
hanging scroll	A scroll displayed vertically on a wall for a short period of time.
ink stick	A solid stick of ink.
ink stone	A stone for grinding ink on.
ceramic	Fired clay.
porcelain	A white translucent ceramic.
Ming ware	Ming dynasty ceramics.
cobalt blue	A deep blue pigment

Ming Ware



Early 15th century, Porcelain with cobalt blue



Late 17th century
Porcelain with cobalt blue, for
European market

Paintings and Calligraphy



Finches and Bamboo Early 12th century Handscroll- ink and colour on silk



Fisherman (with poem) c.1350 Handscroll- ink on paper



Summer Mountains c.1050 Handscroll- ink and colour on silk

